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SUBJ: CANADIAN/ARGENTINE NUCLEAR DISCUSSIONS

1. THE ASSISTANT TO THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TOLD EMBASSY OFFICERS THAT CANADA WAS STILL HAVING PROBLEMS WITH CNEA OVER THE SAFEGUARDS ON THE RIO TERCERO CANDU PLANT. CNEA IS HOLDING OUT OVER ACCEPTING SAFEGUARDS ON CERTAIN MACHINERY, INCLUDING LIQUID PUMPS AND TUBING. HE INDICATED THAT A GROUP FROM AECL WILL BE VISITING BUENOS AIRES SOON TO REVIEW THESE PROBLEMS WITH CNEA OFFICIALS AND, AT THE SAME TIME, TO DISCUSS THE PROGRESS OF THE PLANT CONSTRUCTION, WHICH APPARENTLY IS BEHIND SCHEDULE. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT ANOTHER NEGOTIATING GROUP FROM THE CROWN CORPORATION WHICH SELLS THE REACTORS,

WILL BE ARRIVING SOON IN BUENOS AIRES TO DISCUSS THE CANADIAN PROPOSAL TO SUPPLY A 600 MW HEAVY WATER CANDU
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PLANT AT ATUCHA II. THE CANADIAN EMBASSY IS NOT INCLUDED IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS. HE THOUGHT THAT THE PROPOSAL WOULD INCLUDE WEST GERMAN COOPERATION IN PROVIDING THE ELECTRICAL GENERATION FACILITIES. (THIS IS SOMEWHAT IRONIC SINCE THE WEST GERMAN KWU HAS SUBMITTED A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO CNEA FOR THE HEAVY WATER REACTOR PLANT.)

2. ANOTHER INTERESTING POINT MENTIONED WAS THAT ARGENTINA HAS NEGOTIATED S&T AND NUCLEAR AGREEMENTS WITH SUCH COUNTRIES AS ROMANIA, INDIA, AND ITALY THAT HAVE ACQUIRED CANDU TECHNOLOGY THROUGH AGREEMENTS WITH CANADA. UNDER THESE AGREEMENTS, THE RECIPIENT COUNTRIES COULD NOT TRANSFER CANADIAN NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF CANADA. HOWEVER, THE CNEA SEEMS TO BE MAKING A NUMBER OF CALCULATED MOVES TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF ACQUIRING CANDU REACTOR AND HEAVY WATER TECHNOLOGIES FROM THIRD COUNTRIES.
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